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*Conference of city and county health officers of Texas—Resolutions relative to yellow-fever precautions.*

LAREDO, TEX., April 2, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in compliance with instructions contained in Bureau telegram dated March 29, 1904, I attended the meeting of city and county health officers in Austin, on March 31, leaving Laredo on the morning of March 30 and returning on April 1. I was accompanied by Acting Asst. Surg. E. H. Sauvignet.

The meeting was called to order, in the house of representatives at Austin, at 10.30 a. m., by Doctor Tabor.

Over one hundred city and county health officials were in attendance, as were Doctors Souchon and Egan, of the Louisiana State board of health.

Governor S. W. T. Lanham delivered an address of welcome. Doctor Tabor made an address, advocating an antimosquito campaign throughout the State, and laying down certain rules for the work. He also read the governor's annual proclamation of quarantine, a copy of which is inclosed herewith.

The address of Doctor Tabor was unanimously adopted by the meeting, and its publication in pamphlet form, in the Texas Medical Journal, and in the daily press, recommended.

Doctors Berrey and Burg, of San Antonio, stated to the meeting what had been done in San Antonio in the way of disinfection and antimosquito work during the winter.

The work done during the winter in Laredo and vicinity, and the system recently inaugurated here, were described by myself and Doctors Sauvignet and Wilcox.

Doctor Souchon delivered an address on the desirability of uniformity in quarantine procedures.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to notify the State health officer of the first suspicious case of yellow fever that may occur in our midst, and use our best efforts to carry out his instructions in the premises."

"Whereas in the past our State health officer has been hampered for want of funds to combat and carry on a strict quarantine; be it

"*Resolved*, That we, as a representative body of health officers of Texas, request that our governor recommend, in his message to the next legislature, that there be a fund set aside, to be known as an emergency fund, sufficient to combat any contagious disease that may invade our State; be it further

"*Resolved*, That we use our influence with our legislators and senators to vote for said bill."

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,  
*Assistant Surgeon.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL, Washington.

*Reports of inspection and instructions to officers.*

[Laredo.]

LAREDO, TEX., April 7, 1904.

Replying telegram 7th will send an acting assistant to inspect Minera and Cannel every few days. Request hundred vacine points.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, TEX., *April 7, 1904.*

Inspected to-day 2,273 premises and treated 1,514 water containers. Three sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, TEX., *April 8, 1904.*

Inspected to-day 2,439 premises and treated 1,282 water containers. Seven sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, TEX., *April 9, 1904.*

Inspected to-day 2,415 premises and treated 1,233 water containers. Two sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, TEX., *April 10, 1904.*

Inspected to-day 2,418 premises and treated 1,086 water containers. Two sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, TEX., *April 11, 1904.*

During week ended April 9 fumigated, Laredo, 17 houses containing 61 rooms; inspected to-day 2,421 premises and treated 1,066 water containers. One sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.

[Eagle Pass.]

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *April 7, 1904.*

Eight American tramps four days from Vera Cruz crossed foot-bridge last night. Sheriff found 1 to be sick and turned him over to me this morning. Seven others now at large, but will be apprehended. Sick man very suspicious yellow fever. Advise appointment 5 extra guards at once. Will keep all 8 men under observation.

HUME.

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *April 7, 1904.*

Apprehended 5 suspects, same party. Let rest go as safe. All 5 were with individual now sick.

HUME.

WASHINGTON, *April 7, 1904.*

HUME, *Eagle Pass, Tex.*

Your telegram reporting 8 American tramps four days from Vera Cruz, received. It would appear that all should be detained under observation to complete five days from that suspected point.

WYMAN.

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *April 7, 1904.*

Telegram received. Impossible to guard bridges without men. All suspects are in camp now and all guards on duty. Should have at least 5 additional men appointed immediately.

HUME.

WASHINGTON, *April 9, 1904.*

HUME, *Eagle Pass, Tex.*

Authorized to nominate and place on duty two guards at bridges.

WYMAN.

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *April 8, 1904.*

Case at camp is typhoid. Nature grave, though slight improvement to-day.

HUME.

[San Antonio.]

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *April 8, 1904.*

Arrived this morning. Called on health officer. \* \* \* Stop-  
ping Bexar Hotel.

PUERNELL.

APRIL 9, 1904.

PUERNELL, *Bexar Hotel, San Antonio, Tex.*

Mail full report as to methods adopted to detect suspicious cases of fever, covering with mosquito bars, and measures enforced to prevent recrudescence, including detailed account of work in San Antonio during past winter.

WYMAN.

#### INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

##### *Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports, April 2, as follows:

	Week ended April 2.
Persons inspected .....	184
Persons held .....	0
Pullman cars fumigated .....	7

##### *Inspection at El Paso, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports, April 2, as follows:  
Week ended April 2, 1904.

Mexican Central passengers inspected, 250; private Pullman passengers inspected, 35; Mexican immigrants inspected, 61; disinfection soiled linen, imported for laundry work, 412 pieces; disinfection of blankets, clothing, etc., of passengers, from Aguas Calientes, Mexico, 39 pieces; detention of man and wife from Torreon, Mexico, for five days, not being vaccinated, until symptoms of successful vaccination took place, 2; fumigation of special Pullman cars, 3; vaccination of immigrant children, 8.